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SUBJECT: SENATOR PERCY RAISES NARCOTICS CONTROL IN
CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY
ISLAMABAD REGARDING THIS ASPECT OF SENATOR PERCY'S
CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO ON AUGUST 13.

2. NARCOTICS. PERCY SAID PRESIDENT NIXON AND USG WERE
LOOKING FORWARD TO BHUTTO VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT
MONTH. THERE HAD BEEN DEEP REGRET OVER NEED TO POSTPONE
JULY VISIT BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT'S ILLNESS. PERCY SUGGESTED
THAT BHUTTO CONSIDER BEGINNING HIS SESSION WITH SFRC WITH
COMMENTS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND POSITIVE INTENTIONS IN
SUCH FIELDS AS ATTAINING FOOD SUFFICIENCY, OTHER PHASES
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND NARCOTICS CONTROL. THAT
WOULD HELP PROVIDE MORE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF
OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH BHUTTO WISHED TO DISCUSS. PERCY
EMPHASIZED DEEP CONCERN OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND CONGRESS
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REGARDING NARCOTICS ABUSE. HE KNEW THAT US AND PAK REPS

HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THAT PROBLEM WITH VIEW TO EXPANDING
OUR COLLABORATION. BHUTTO RECALLED PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS
WITH CHARGE THIS SUBJECT AND REAFFIRMED HIS DESIRE FOR
FULL COOPERATION WITH USG IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. THERE
WAS ONLY ONE CONDITION HE HAD LAID DOWN. THERE HAD TO BE

SOME ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE CROP/INCOME FOR FARMERS IN
THE VERY POOR AREAS WHERE POPPIES ARE NOW BEING GROWN.
THIS PROBLEM WAS BEING LOOKED INTO. ROGERS

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